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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

HOUSES OF INDUSTRY AND REFORMATION,

FOR THE YEAR 1854–1855.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

In Board of Aldermen, April 30, 1855.

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Attest:

S. F. McCleary, *City Clerk.*

REPORT.

To the Hon. the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of Boston:

The Directors of the Houses of Industry and Reformation, present herewith their Report of the Expenditures and Receipts, and the number, condition and employment of the inmates, for the year ending March 31, 1855.

From the accompanying tables it appears that the Expenditure

at South Boston has been - - - - -	$25,180.22
(About $4,500 of this amount was for indispensable repairs at the House of Reformation; and for extensive alterations, rendered necessary by the opening of Broadway through the grounds of the Institution.)	
The amount received from Labor of the Boys, and products of the Garden, was - - - - -	982.22
Showing the net cost to be - - - - - -	$24,198.00
The Expenditure at Deer Island has been - -	$52,791.69
Amount received from all sources - - -	3,161.11
Net Expenditure - - - - - - -	$49,630.58
The aggregate net cost of both Institutions has been	$73,828.58

There is a considerable claim outstanding against the State, not yet liquidated, on "ship fever" account, which we have been

encouraged to believe will ere long be decided, (or admitted by the Auditor,) as we think it must be, in the City's favor.

The amount expended in the support of a number of Inmates, so much reduced from last year, is explained by the fact (known to every one) of the enhanced price of provisions, as well as a corresponding increase in the cost of all descriptions of labor required, and of every article of necessary use in conducting the Institutions; while the permanent expenses remain the same.

By reference to the statistics appended, in relation to Deer Island, it will be seen that a very considerable amount of work of a permanent character has been accomplished by the inmates, towards the improvement of the Island and its increase in value, whether for its present uses or any other to which it may be judged expedient to appropriate it.

Another table exhibits the stock of supplies remaining on hand, unconsumed, amounting to $2,839.11, exclusive of the cattle and other live stock on the Island.

The agricultural product of the Farm has fallen short of that of last year, owing to the absence for the most important portion of the season (the planting season) of any competent person to direct the labor of the inmates, and to the prevalent drought; it has however been respectable, and a more systematic course of cultivation and improvement has been introduced, and is being carried out by the present incumbent, promising not only more abundant return in future, but such a change in the whole aspect of the Island, as shall be more in conformity with good taste, and its reputation as one of the City Institutions.

The Schools at South Boston, under the care of competent and experienced teachers, continue to realize the expectations of the Directors, (and they believe of the public in general,) reclaiming from their downward course many lads who would otherwise become scourges of society; and affording to others opportunities not otherwise in their reach, to obtain the necessary instruction to qualify them for useful and valuable citizenship.

The Sunday School is still kept up for the benefit of the boys

in the two departments at South Boston, by the same faithful laborers in this portion of the Master's Vineyard, and as we have reason to know, with the happiest results.

Religious service is observed on every Sabbath at the House of Reformation, conducted by Rev. Mr. Lovell, who, in addition, performs the morning service at Deer Island. The boys at South Boston, and the inmates at Deer Island, of maturer years, both men and women, appear to be suitably impressed by these exercises, the good influences of which, even when not openly manifested, we cannot doubt.

To the uninitiated, it might seem that the removal to the State Institutions of so large a number as were formerly under the charge of this Board, would render its longer existence unnecessary; the fact however of 1737 applications for relief at the Office, since the removal and the disposal of this large number to Tewksbury, Bridgewater or Rainsford Island, (according to the requirement of each special applicant,) in addition to the ordinary service of our own City Institutions, will show the necessity of such an organization, and that it is not merely an ornamental appendage, nor without practical utility in the conduct of City affairs.

Respectfully submitted.

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EXPENDITURES

For the Boylston Asylum and the House of Reformation at South Boston, from April 1, 1854, to March 31, 1855.

Flour,	$4,075.75
Baking,	663.25
Bread and Meal,	131.41
Beef, Mutton and Pork,	1,675.38
Fish,	148.32
Potatoes and Beans,	558.51
Butter, Cheese, Eggs and Lard,	343.77
Milk,	700.40
Tea, Coffee and Chocolate,	338.42
Sugar,	105.86
Molasses,	358.70
Provisions for Officers, Groceries and Family Stores,	1,264.01
Clothing and Bedding,	1,966.63
Hats and Caps,	85.22
Shoes and Shoe Stock,	656.98
Fuel,	1,759.17
Oil,	397.20
Soap,	132.47
Furniture and Repairs,	233.91
Salaries,	3,036.66
Carrige Hire for Directors and Sunday School Teachers, and Omnibus Tickets,	421.12
School Books, Printing, Postage and Newspapers,	305.13
Wooden Ware, Brooms, Lines and Combs,	91.79
Stoves and Repairing,	262.39
Hose and Pipe, and Plumbing,	44.53
Tin, Hard and Crockery Ware,	245.32

Lumber, Masons' and Carpenters' Work, including New Windows for the Reformation Department, -	$647.21
Glass, Paints, Oil and Brushes, - - - -	72.41
Cooperage, - - - - - - - -	12.03
Gratuities, Boarding and Fares for Paupers in and from the City, - - - - - - -	115.24
Carting and Labor, - - - - - - -	222.59
Seeds, Tools and Manure, - - - - - -	19.87
Medicine and Hospital Stores, - - - - -	39.89
Arresting Deserters and Expenses Shipping Boys,	8.75
Excursion of Boys and Singing Master at House of Reformation, - - - - - - - -	91.82
Fire Works on the 4th July, - - - - -	56.35
City of Boston for Cochituate Water, - - -	50.00
Alterations rendered necessary by the Extension of Broadway, - - - - - - - -	3,841.76
	$25,180.22

RECEIPTS

On account of the Boylston Asylum and the House of Reformation, at South Boston, for the year ending March 31, 1855.

Cash collected and paid into the City Treasury, viz.:

For Support of Paupers, from Towns, - - - -	48.65
" Labor of Boylston Boys, - - - - - -	27.84
" " " Reformation " - - - - - -	563.31
" Sales of Casks, Rags and Iron, - - - - -	73.96
" " " Grass and Fruits, - - - - -	260.46
" " " Wood, - - - - - - - - -	8.00
	$982.22

STATEMENT

Of Inmates at the Boylston Asylum at South Boston, for the year ending March 31, 1855.

Months.	Admitted.	Committed.	Discharged.	Died.	Eloped.
1854, April,	12	2	19		
May,	17		8		1
June,	8		14		
July,	6	2	11	1	3
August,	4		9		1
September,	5	4	8		
October,	3	2	38		1
November,	1	1	1		1
December,	7	1	9		
1855 January,	5	2	3		
February,		1	3		
March,	4	2	10	1	
	72	17	133	2	7

GENERAL SUMMARY.

At the Asylum, March 31, 1854, - - -	156	
Admitted by Directors, - - - - -	72	
Committed by Court, - - - - -	17	
		245
Discharged and Eloped, - - - - -	140	
Died, - - - - - - - - -	2	
Remaining March 31, 1855, - - - -	103	
		245
Average number for the year, - - - - -		129
Greatest " May 17, 1854, - - - -		163
Least " March 31, 1855, - - - -		103

STATEMENT

Of employment of Inmates at the Boylston Asylum, March 31, 1855.

MALES.

Boys, in School,	81	
Men, attending fires,	3	
" sawing wood,	1	
	—	85

FEMALES.

Wash and Ironing Rooms,	6	
Sewing Room,	5	
Cooks and Domestics,	5	
Girls at School,	2	
	—	18
		103

TABULAR REPORT

OF THE

HOUSE OF REFORMATION,

FOR THE YEAR 1854–55.

Number remaining in the House at the last Report,	67	
Committed since,	95	
Returned,	3	
	—	165
Apprenticed,	20	
Discharged by expiration of sentence,	10	
" " Court,	16	
Sent to sea,	5	
	—	51

Remaining in the House, March 31, 1855, - - -	114
Greatest number at one time, March 21, - - -	116
Least " " " " May 24, - - -	59
Average " during the year, - - - -	87½

Of those apprenticed, thirteen were to Shoemakers, five to Farmers, two to Cabinet Makers.

SHOWING AGE WHEN COMMITTED.

4	were	8	years	old.
15	"	9	"	"
20	"	10	"	"
31	"	11	"	"
37	"	12	"	"
15	"	13	"	"
24	"	14	"	"
16	"	15	"	"
2	"	16	"	"
1	was	18	"	"

An average age of 12 years, when committed.

OFFENCES.

Truancy, - - - - - - - -	57	
Larceny, - - - - - - - -	46	
Idle and Dissolute, - - - - - -	43	
Stubborness, - - - - - - -	14	
Returned, - - - - - - - -	3	
Shop Breaking and Larceny, - - - -	1	
Vagabond, - - - - - - -	1	
	—	165

PARENTAGE.

American parents, - - - - - -	26
Irish " - - - - -	125
English " - - - - -	10
Danish " - - - - - -	2

French " - - - - - - -	1	
German " - - - - - - -	1	
	—	165
Sentenced during Minority - - - - - -	108	
" for two years, - - - - - -	38	
" " one year, - - - - - -	10	
" " eighteen months, - - - - -	1	
" " six " - - - - -	8	
	—	165

EXPENDITURES

For Deer Island Department of the House of Industry, from April 1, 1854, to March 31, 1855.

Flour, - - - - - - - - -	$6,076.57
Bread, - - - - - - - - -	353.18
Beef and Mutton, - - - - - - -	4,637.10
Provisions and Family Stores, - - - - -	1,701.50
Potatoes and Beans, - - - - - - -	1,342.73
Milk, - - - - - - - - -	1,530.21
Butter, Eggs and Cheese, - - - - - -	908.80
Salt and Fresh Fish, - - - - - -	1,077.18
Tea, Coffee and Chocolate, - - - - -	1,062.35
Sugar, - - - - - - - - -	950.29
Molasses, - - - - - - - -	681.10
Rice, - - - - - - - - -	535.13
Salt 65.15, Ice 36.90, - - - - - -	102.05
Tobacco, - - - - - - - - -	185.41
Meal and Oats, - - - - - - -	1,616.74
Dry Goods, Clothing and Bedding, - - - -	3,120.45
Shoes, Shoe Stock and Tools, - - - - -	1,820.51
Fuel, - - - - - - - - -	6,844.07

Oil, - - - - - - - - -	729.18
Soap and Soap Stock, - - - - -	709.18
Hard Ware, Nails and Iron, - - - -	789.47
Tin, and Tin Ware, Ranges and Stoves, - -	391.33
Glass and Crockery Ware, - - - -	123.66
Pumps and Plumbing, - - - - -	18.04
Building Materials, Lumber for Coffins, &c., -	675.66
Wooden Ware, Mats, Brooms and Combs, - -	173.37
Paints, Oils, and Whitewash Brushes, - -	392.61
Furniture, - - - - - - - -	485.34
Newspapers, Postage and Stationery, - - -	277.17
Salaries, - - - - - - - - -	6,201.15
Wages and Board of Sloop's Crew, - - -	1,852.30
Horse Keeping, Blacksmith, Wheelwright and Harness Work, - - - - - - - -	375.42
Smith's Coal 61.50, Smith's Bellows 16.18, -	77.68
Carriage Hire to Point Shirley, - - - -	208.67
Conveying Small Pox Patients, - - - -	51.00
Ferriages, - - - - - - - -	77.20
Board and Lodging, and Fares of Paupers from the City, - - - - - - - - -	333.09
Gratuities, - - - - - - - -	53.87
Straw, Trees, Seeds and Tools, - - - -	237.18
Hoops, Ropes, Trucking and Labor, - - -	118.19
Medicine, Hospital Stores and Instruments, -	968.61
Removing Organ from South Boston, - - -	15.00
Tools, and Repairing for Steam Engine, - -	259.17
Nine Cows, - - - - - - - -	444.29
One Yoke Oxen 135.00, Live Fowls 29.75, - -	164.75
Rail Road Fares for Paupers sent to the State Alms Houses, - - - - - - - -	757.50
Steam Boat 3 days for removing Inmates from Deer Island to the State Institutions, - - -	150.00
Extra Medical Attendance for Opthalmics, - -	315.00
Superintendent's Expenses in the City, - -	24.40

Repairing Wharves, - - - - - - -	338.61
" Clock on New Building, - - -	11.00
Old Sails for Lining Cells, - - - -	15.00
Dockage of Sloop at Long Wharf, - - -	100.00
Repairing Drying Room, - - - - -	163.12
Ship Chandlery and Repairs on Sloop, - -	169.18
	$52,791.69

RECEIPTS

On account of Deer Island Department, for the year ending March 31, 1855.

Cash collected and paid in to the City Treasurer, viz.:

For support of Inmates from Ship Owners, Towns and Individuals, - - - - - - -	$1,643.12
" Barrels, Rags, Grease and Bones, - - -	380.35
" Goods from Store, - - - - - - -	8.29
" Skins, - - - - - - - - -	18.02
" Timber picked up, - - - - - -	5.00
" Hay, - - - - - - - - -	535.35
" Pigs, - - - - - - - - -	121.72
" Oakum, - - - - - - - -	42.85
" Barley, - - - - - - - -	121.82
" Pasturing, - - - - - - - -	225.99
" Old Sails, Anchor and Chains, - - -	58.60
	$3,161.11

STATEMENT

Of the Condition and Employment of Inmates at Deer Island.

MALES.

Sick in the New Building, - - - - - -	20	
" " " Old Male Hospital, with Small Pox, -	2	
	—	22
Nurses and Assistants, night and day Watchers and Attendants - - - - - - - -	12	
At work on Farm, - - - - - - -	14	
Shoemakers, 6; Tailors, 5; Carpenters, 5; Painters, 3; Whitewashers, 8; Bakers, 2; Barber, 1; Blacksmiths, 3; Cooper, 1, - - - - - -	34	
In Engine Room, 4; in Woodshed, 3; Coal Breakers, 2; Teamsters, 4; Mattress Makers, 3; Coal Sifters, 2,	18	
Picking Oakum, 8; Soap Boiler, 1; Tin Plate Workers, 2, - - - - - - - - -	11	
At work in the House, Offices, &c., &c., - - -	8	
At work out of doors and at the Barn, - - -	32	
	—	129
Total, - - - - -		151
Boys at School, - - - - - - - -	4	
" " Nurse, - - - - - - - -	3	
	—	7
		158

FEMALES.

Sick in New Building, - - - - - - -	13	
" " " " Children, - - - - -	4	
	—	17

Infirm,	4	
Insane and Idiotic,	2	
In Nursery (with nursing children,)	6	
Taking care of Children,	1	
Nurses, Attendants and Watchers in the Hospital, Nurses, &c. in the New Building,	10	
Domestics and Cooks,	15	
Washers, Ironers and Scrubbers,	26	
In Sewing Room,	55	
Assistants in Sleeping and Bathing Rooms,	7	
	—	126
Total,		143
Girls at School,	8	
" " Nurse,	6	
	—	14
		157

ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES

At Deer Island, for the year ending March 31, 1855.

Months.	Admitted.	Committed.	Born.	Deaths.	Discharged.
1854, April,	184	55	8	28	261
May,	732	45	3	22	1569
June,	25	52		9	103
July,	40	102	1	3	71
August,	46	76		3	94
September,	24	86	2	2	133
October,	18	71	1	3	76
November,	23	81	2	3	114
December,	22	57	3	2	96
1855, January,	23	66		9	75
February,	17	45	1	6	72
March,	13	56	2	2	68
	1167	792	23	92	2732

GENERAL SUMMARY.

At the Island, March 31, 1854, - - -	1,157	
Admitted, - - - - - - - -	1,167	
Commited, - - - - - - - -	792	
Born, - - - - - - - - -	23	
		3,139

Discharged, - - - - - - - -	2,732	
Died, - - - - - - - - -	92	
Remaining, March 31, 1855, - - - -	315	
		3,139
Average number for the year, - - -	401	
Greatest " April 7, 1854, - - -	1,169	
Least, " June 29, " - - -	264	

STATEMENT

Showing the Birthplaces of the Inmates at the Boylston Asylum, and at Deer Island, March 31, 1855.

Birthplaces.	Boylston Asylum.	Deer Island.
Born in Boston of American Parents, -	27	65
" " " " Irish " -	18	24
" " " " other foreign " -	9	
" " Massachusetts out of Boston, -	7	29
" " other New England States, -	9	29
" " Ireland, - - - - - -	21	128
" " British Provinces, - - -	4	26
" " England, - - - - - -	3	12
" " Foreign Countries, - - -	5	2
	103	315

HOSPITAL CASES

Under Treatment from April 1, 1854, to March 31, 1855, inclusive.

Consumption, - - - - -	20,	of whom	11	died.
Ship Fever, - - - - -	10	" "	2	"
Typhoid " - - - - -	8	" "	2	"
Delirium Tremens, - - - -	28	" "	2	"
Syphilis, Males, - - - -	25	" "	1	"
" Females, - - - -	60	" "	0	"
Small Pox, - - - - -	39	" "	11	"
Measles, - - - - - -	6	" "	2	"
Dysentery, - - - - -	13	" "	0	"
Diarrhœa, - - - - -	22	" "	3	"
Opthalmia, - - - - -	5	" "	0	"
Cholera, - - - - - -	1	" "	1	"
Miscellaneous Diseases, - - -	186	" "	57	"
Whole number of Cases, - -	423		92	"

Births from April 1, 1854, to March 31, 1855, inclusive, viz.:

Males, - - - -	10
Females, - - - -	12

Of the Deaths, 34 were under 5 years of age.
" " " 4 " over 70 " " "
" " " 1 was 88 " " "
" " " 53 were over 5 " " " and under 70.

DAILY FARE

Of the Inmates at Deer Island.

BREAKFAST.

Bread 1-3 Indian, Chocolate with Milk and Molasses.

SUPPER.

Bread and Tea.

DINNER.

Sunday, Baked Pork and Beans and Bread.
Monday, Salt Beef or Beef Soup with Vegetables, Rice and Molasses.
Tuesday, Beef Soup and Potatoes.
Wednesday, " " " Rice and Molasses.
Thursday, " " " Potatoes.
Friday, Fresh or Salt Fish and Vegetables.
Saturday, Beef Soup and Rice and Molasses.
Mutton or Veal Broth every day for the Sick.
One Quart of Milk is furnished for the Nursing Women daily.

RESULT OF LABOR

On the Farm from April 1, 1854, to March 31, 1855.

Land, made prepared for cultivation, 1 acre.

Building Stone Wall on Avenue, and Cellar under Barn, 269 perch or 4,438 feet, as per estimate, -	$511.25
527 square yards Stone Paving, Stocks and Labor,	527.00
5 Stone Gate Posts, Cost and Labor, - - -	31.50

73 feet Stone Steps at Barn at 37 1-2 c. per foot, -	27.37
Laying Brick Wall under Barn, - - - -	16.00
	$1,113.12

In addition to the above, 250 Suits of Clothes have been made for the House of Reformation and Boylston School at South Boston.

RESULT OF LABOR

On the Farm at Deer Island for the years 1854–5, viz.:

Carrots, - - - - - - -	500	Bushels.
Beets, - - - - - - - -	700	"
Turnips, - - - - - - -	50	"
Onions, - - - - - - -	50	"
Parsnips, - - - - - - -	35	"
Barley, - - - - - - -	73	"
English Hay, - - - - - -	55	Tons.
Straw, - - - - - - -	2	"
Pigs raised, - - - - - - -	111	
Ice cut from Pond and stored, about - -	370	Tons.

Trees set out, 32 Balsam Fir Trees, 28 Apple Do., 14 Elm Do., 100 Grape Vines, (removed from So. Boston,) 1000 Currant Bushes Do., 6 Pear Trees weighing 1000 lbs. each, Do., 90 Plum Trees Do.

Stock on Farm March 31, 1855.

14 Cows, 6 Working Oxen, 4 Horses, 1 Bull.

Stock remaining in the Store, March 31, 1855.

Dry Goods, Crockery, Hard Ware, Groceries, made up Clothing, Shoes and Shoe Stock, Caps, &c., about 56 Cords of Wood and 40 Tons of Coal, amounting as per estimate to $2,839.11

STATISTICS

Of Inmates of House of Industry, from April 1, 1829, to April 1, 1855.

Years.	Remaining in the House.	Admitted during the following year.	Born.	Discharged and deserted.	Indented.	Died.	Average number the whole year.
1829	548	755	21	550	22	93	535
1830	638	655	20	596	50	81	558
1831	586	857	13	698	70	92	534
1832	596	872	23	702	52	171	529
1833	556	819	20	806	60	101	502
1834	527	953	28	740	62	131	541
1835	575	848	27	704	54	150	505
1836	542	790	39	666	43	124	479
1837	588	1032	30	789	18	159	564
1838	624	900	23	779	24	175	570
1839	569	834	21	694	52	120	544
1840	558	981	24	806	32	119	571
1841	606	826	27	693	32	146	551
1842	588	1106	25	817	35	160	631
1843	707	910	41	869	25	160	641
1844	614	867	41	820	30	111	549
1845	561	1183	40	969	30	196	565
1846	589	1676	39	1309	29	230	601
1847	736	1723	58	1542	49	324	611
1848	602	2070	72	1476	43	294	733
1849	1064	3246	110	2780	20	518	972
1850	1022	3021	110	2471	18	371	1192
1851	1293	2856	115	2529	30	400	1237
1852	1305	2938	104	2631	44	295	1301
1853	1377	2918	86	3303	44	420	1316
1854	1313	2048	23	2844	28	94	530
1855	418						